(b) if so, what is Government's response to these proposals; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that this demand to link the largest tribal district of the country with the neighbouring districts was made about 20 years back and Government have not so far responded favourably to this genuine demand of the tribals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Re-appraisal survey for this line was taken up. Report for the first Phase i.e. for the section Dallirajhara-Rowghat has been received. The question of funding construction of this section has been taken up with the concerned agencies and the Planning Commission for approval.

(c) Construction of this railway line could not be considered earlier due to constraint of resources.

Degree Course in Sports

*158. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK:

SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether University Grants Commission has recently approved proposal sent by five Universities and ten colleges for starting a Three-year Degree Course in Physical Education and Sports, from the ensuing academic year;

(b) whether Government propose to introduce this scheme in all the Universities and Colleges of the country; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) No, Sir. The course has been designed with a view to providing facilities to students to select Physical Education, Health Education and Sports as a discipline for the first degree. Justification for introduction of such courses has to be related to the need for such manpower and probability of that demand among students and parents. The course is, therefore, not intended to be introduced in all Colleges.

National authority for adult education

*159. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY:

SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether separate national authority for the adult education is proposed to be set up;

(b) if so, what are the contemplated constitution and functions of this authority; and

(c) what steps been taken so far, for setting up the authority?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI P. V. NARASIMHA RAO): (a) to (c) The Government have decided to launch National Literacy Mission with a view to providing functional literacy to 30 million persons in 15—35 age-group by 1990, and another 50 mllion by 1995. The management struture of the Mission at different level is under examination.

Modernisation of Airport by National Airport Authority

*160 SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that National Airport Authority has started modernisation scheme in various airports in the country;

(b) whether it is a fact that automatic message switching system was installed in Bombay airport as a part of the modernisation scheme; and

(c) whether provision of the said equipment is included in the modernisation scheme with respect to all the international airports?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Modernisation of equipment and upgradtion of facilities at airports is a continuing process and is taken up depending upon the availability of resources. A proposal for modernisation of the air traffic control system and nevigation/communication facilities at Bombay and Delhi airports has been prepared. The upgradation of facilities at other airports with be taken up in a phased manner.

(b) and (c) While installational of the Automatic Message Switching System (AMSS) is not included in the proposal formulated for modernisation of the air traffic control system at Delhi and Bombay airports, the system has been installed at Bombay airport for improvement of Aeronautical Fixed Tele Communication Network (AFTN). Installation of the system at Delhi airport is also in progress.

Ocean Festival of Mauritius

@1153. SHRI KAPIL VERMA:

SHRI SOHAN LAL DHUSIYA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India has promised to help Mauritius Governent for ensuring the success of their Ocean Festival beginning at Port Louis in October next;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have drawn any progrmme through the Indian Council of Cultural Relations; and

(d) if so, what are the details in this regard?

@Previously unstarred question 232 transferred from the 28th July, 1987.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) The Government of Mauritius is organising an International Ocean Festival from the beginning of September to 5th November, 1987. India has not promised to help the Mauritius Government for ensuring the success of their Ocean Festival but has agreed to participate in it along with other countries, prominent among them being the U.K., France, Australia and China;

(b) The Department of Culture in the Ministry of Human Resource Development has been designated as the nodal agency for coordinating the Indian participation in the Festival. The slot allotted for the Indian participation is from 6th to 13th September 87 will consist of the following:—

(i) Visit of an Indian Navy Vessel:

(ii) Visit of 'Sagar Kanya' our Ocean research vessel and an exhibition therein;

(iii) Sea Conference;

(iv) Maritime Exhibition;

(v) Exhibition and Sales of Crafts and Textles.

(vii) Film Festival;

(vi) Fashion Show;

(viii) Food Fair—including chaat bazar;

(ix) Performances by about 230 performing artistes—both classical and folk.

(c) The Indian Council for Cultural Relations will coordinate the participation of about 230 Indian performing artistes.

(d) The performing arts component for the Festival will include classical dances, folk dances and music from different parts of India with emphasis on those area with which people of Indian origin in Mauritius have close links;